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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Security Agency

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ATTENTION: [REDACTED] ACOM-4)

SUBJECT: Lhasa (Kyi Chu) River Bridge and
Chushul Ferry Point

REFERENCES: (a) Requirement NSA/ACOM/019-61
(b) Project JN-109/61

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1. This memorandum is in response to a request for contact prints or viewgraphs of the Lhasa river as it runs through the Lhasa urban area and of the Chushul ferry point. It also replies to a request for a photographic interpretation statement on any signs of new bridge construction in either area and a description of location, progress in construction, and type of equipment available.

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2. The accompanying contact prints [REDACTED] show the Lhasa river (Kyi Chu, Gya Chu) from approximately 35 miles southwest of Lhasa to approximately 30 miles northeast of Lhasa. An index of these prints is enclosed.

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3. Prints [REDACTED] are also enclosed. These prints show the Chushul ferry point (29-18N, 90-40E).

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4. No evidence of bridge construction activity was found on any of the six missions covering the Chushul- Lhasa area. Based on aerial photography, [REDACTED] the bridge at Lhasa (shown on prints [REDACTED] was the only vehicular bridge across the Lhasa river or the Tsangpo river. Several short bridges extend across tributary streams and irrigation canals southwest of Lhasa, but none of these is under construction.

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